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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in the Congo

1. The disturbances in the Eastern Congo are threatening to provoke wide-spread antiwhite violence. The Congo radio's slashing attacks on white mercenaries have apparently incited unprovoked violence against Europeans in a number of Congolese points principally in Katanga. Deaths are reported from Lubumbashi (Elisabethville) and other incidents have occurred in Luluabourg, Jadotville and Kolwezi.

2. On 5 July patrols of the ANC (The Congolese Army) picked up nine European men--Belgians and Greeks--in downtown Lubumbashi (Elisabethville) and massacred eight of them by bayonet outside of town. These Europeans, perhaps through ignorance, were still on the street in violation of an 1800 curfew. This incident culminates two days of increasing tension and antiwhite sentiment in Lubumbashi (Elisabethville). Army and police are conducting house to house searches for arms, radio receivers and transmitters. There have been reports of rough treatment of Europeans by the army and police, and some 100 Europeans may have been arrested. No Europeans are permitted to leave the city. On 7 July the Consular Corps made a demarche to Governor of Katanga Mankikala to demand security for foreigners, fair treatment and trial of arrested persons and access to Congolese officials. The governor claimed to have evidence of some European complicity in recent sabotage in the Katanga area and advised all whites to keep off the streets.

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3. Other reports tell of anti-European violence in other Katanga areas such as Kolwezi, Jadotville, Kamina; Europeans in the mining center of Kolwezi have reportedly resigned en masse and demanded immediate repatriation of their families. Violence may spread to other Congo areas and Mobutu may not be able to control the provincial cities where the ANC is as likely to be involved in anti-white terrorism as are local thugs. The 2nd paratrooper battalion was previously responsible for looting in Kisangani (Stanleyville) and have been widely hated in Katanga.

4. The Congo is fertile ground for disturbances. During Mobutu's 19-month administration, basic problems have not been solved and he has promised harder times to come. His dictatorial methods and ANC brutality have done little to increase the regime's popularity. Many tribal groups continue to oppose control by any regime in Kinshasa (Leopoldville) and often are virtually at war with their neighbors. Katanga is unhappy but cowed by the brutal Governor Manzikala and local military units.

5. There have as yet been no reports of violence in Kinshasa (Leopoldville) and at this time there appears to be no effective challenge to Mobutu in the capital.

6. At this point the violence is sporadic but appears to be spreading. It could subside as quickly as it began, but it could also intensify and result in a precipitous European exodus.